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28 September 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairmen of All USIB Committees and Other Groups
Developing Reports on Emergency Planning

SUBJECT : Additional Background for Planning Guidance

1. As additional background to assist and guide you in the preparation of Emergency Planning reports (see USIB-D-7.1/6) the Steering Committee has arranged to provide certain written material and oral briefings, important for a proper understanding of Emergency Planning problems.

2. In the next several days we will send each Committee several copies each of the following material promulgated by OCDM -- representing the documents referred to in para. 5.b. of the USIB Agreed Guidance:

a. A "General Situation Assumption" (covering attack and damage assumptions, for planning purposes).

b. The "Summary and Conclusions" and "Magnitude of Attack and Extent of Physical Effects" sections (in part) from the "D-Plus 14 Situation Summary for Phase II," used for Operation Alert in both 1958 and 1959.

The first of these represents an approved "situation estimate" as the basis for Federal planning of emergency governmental operations within the continental U. S. after a nuclear attack. The second, earlier, paper portrays an attack of approximately the same magnitude, but provides considerably more detail in the form of quantitative estimates of damage, in particular as to the extent and persistence of radiation from nuclear fallout and the degree of interruption to communications.

3. The Steering Committee has also arranged for a series of oral presentations of particular issues, followed by general discussions, on four successive Thursday afternoons (2:00 to 4:00 p.m.) during the month of October, i.e.:

8 October - Discussion (in Steering Group "Panel" form, led by the Chairman) of the Implications for Committee Planning of each of the five points of the agreed USIB guidance.

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15 October - Official Plans for Evacuation of the Greater Washington Area (see para. 5.a. of USIB Agreed Guidance). Presentation by Colonel B. W. Beers of OCDM, followed by questions and general discussion as to the implications -- for Government relocation planning -- of these arrangements.

22 October - Fallout Radiation Effects of Massive Nuclear Attacks (an analysis of strikes against the USSR and the USA, respectively) . . . Presentation by Dr. George E. Pugh of the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group (WSEG) followed by questions and general discussion of the implications of this analysis for Government relocation planning. (This presentation is particularly significant because WSEG analysis suggests a much heavier strike against the USA, and more extensive destruction and damage as a result, than is reflected in the written OCDM materials you will be receiving (see para. 2 above).

29 October - Communications Facilities of Present Relocation Centers of the Intelligence Community - Their Vulnerabilities, and Some Possibilities for Their Improvement. . . Presentation by [redacted] followed by questions and general discussion.

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Representatives of the several Committees or other groups developing Reports on Emergency Planning to the U. S. Intelligence Board are asked to meet with the Steering Committee for the above four sessions, which will be held in Rm. 1402 I Building (between the Reflecting Pool and the Tidal Basin) on a Top Secret level. Because of space limitations and the need for those attending to actively participate in discussions, it is asked that each Committee Chairman designate one or two individuals, actively engaged in the development of the Emergency Planning report of that Committee, to attend the series of four briefings on behalf of that Committee. Committees with a particularly wide range of responsibilities, however, (such as the EIC, SIC, etc.) may appropriately include certain additional individuals to ensure that important special areas -- areas for example in which some standing subcommittee might usefully make an important contribution to planning -- are not neglected in developing community thinking about the above over-all problems.

3. Whenever two or more individuals are designated to attend these meetings on behalf of a particular committee, it is requested that special pains be taken to distribute such representation so as to draw upon different member agencies. It is further suggested that committees should avoid finalizing their reports (now due 1 December) until there has been opportunity to fully reflect both the recently-agreed USIB Guidance and the above additional Steering Committee guidance before the end of October.

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4. Committee chairmen are requested, by Monday 5 October, to furnish the Steering Committee Secretary, [redacted] the names of their Committee's representatives who expect to attend this series of discussions.

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Chairman, USIB Steering Committee
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10/6/57- Mr Saunders telephoned [redacted] and submitted the name of [redacted] as the representative of the Cost Estimate Committee. 25X1A

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